

**Abstract**

[0074] An arrangement where connections between a terminal and a switch are effected through a serial connection of shared, overloadable, resources, and where conventionally each of the resources has a given number of communication channels, provides for effective congestion control by converting one or more of the communications channels to one or more groups of enhanced signaling channels. The congestion control is effected by employing the enhanced signaling channels, which can carry audible signals, to determine whether to set up requested calls, based on a preselected congestion control process.